

1964 Ben Ledbetter, 78, Succumbs

Ben F. Ledbetter, 78, resident of Duncan for 35 years, died Sunday night while attending church services.

His death was attributed to a heart attack. He was at the services of the Gospel Beams Church, where his son, Rev. Curtis F. Ledbetter, is the pastor.

He was retired from work with Halliburton Co. He was born July 29, 1886 in Carroll County, Ark.

Ledbetter moved to Duncan in 1929. He was married to Miss Anne Mae Price at Berryville, Ark. He was a member of the Gospel Beams Church.

In addition to the son here, he is survived by his widow; another son, Floyd E. Ledbetter, Velma; three sisters, Mrs. Ala M. McDonald, Walters, Mrs. Velma Townzen, Roland, and Mrs. M. C. Davis, Green River, Wyo., six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Funeral will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the Gospel Beams Church. The Rev. Clarence Fullenwilder, Dallas, and the Rev. Bob Towell, Duncan, will officiate.

Burial will be in the Duncan Cemetery with the Grantham Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Bearers will be C. T. Green, Ode McGuire, Harry Keen, J. W. McReynolds, Buster Ludwig and Vern Chambers.

1963/64 Mrs. Chandler Dies, Rites Set

Special to The Duncan Banner
WAURIKA. — A long-time resident of this city, Mrs. Vickie E. Chandler, 84, died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday in a Waurika hospital.

Born Dec. 13, 1879, in Leesville, Tex., Mrs. Chandler had been a local resident since 1904. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Her husband, T. N. Chandler, died in 1940.

Survivors are three grandsons, which she reared. Leo Fulton, Dallas, Steve Fulton, Texarkana, and Thomas Fulton, with the Air Force in Okinawa.

Service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday in the First Presbyterian Church, with the grandson, the Rev. Steve Fulton, pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Texarkana, officiating.

Burial will be in Waurika Cemetery under direction of Worley Funeral Home.

Bearers will be W. M. Larson, Cread Burger, Floyd Zimmerman, J. W. Helton, G. B. Snider, Willie Hutcheson, and Ernest Crew.

1964 LaVeta Eaton Rites Tuesday

Mrs. LaVeta Bell Eaton, owner of 81 Cleaners, South U. S. 81, died at 1:15 a. m. Sunday in a local hospital.

Mrs. Eaton, 45, was born July 17, 1919 in Mantoachie, Miss. She had resided in Duncan for 44 years. She was a member of the Business and Professional Women's Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Rebekah Lodge, White Shrine and Trinity Baptist Church.

She is survived by her father, B. B. Lewis, 1007 Pine; two daughters, Mrs. Dud Yount, 611 N. 18th and Mrs. Bill J. Pollock, 609 N. 17th, and two grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the Trinity Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Spencer, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Bearers will be Leo Sleeper, Wayne Smith, Wayne Pogue, Elbert Hefner, Clarence Moore and P. A. McCord. Honorary bearers will be Dr. Casper H. Smith, the Rev. Lang Gibson, Harold Garvin, Jim Whitely and Dr. George Howe.

Her family suggested friends may wish to contribute to the Cancer Memorial Fund.

1964 Mrs. Ludwick 79, Succumbs

Mrs. Laura Mae Ludwick, 1412 Mulberry, died Friday afternoon in a local nursing home after a long illness. She was 79.

She was born Nov. 20, 1884, in Honey Grove, Tex. and had lived in Duncan 36 years.

Her husband, W. E. Ludwick, died in 1959.

She is survived by three sons, Leroy, 1711 Main, Nick, Costa Mesa, Calif., and Ansil, Oklahoma City; three daughters, Mrs. Imogene Wagon, 503 Willow, Mrs. Laverne Holder, Brownsville, Tex., and Mrs. Millie Seals, Hollis.

Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Kathleen Dean, 1410 Mulberry, and Mrs. Mattie Pitts, Quinlan, Tex.; 17 grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be 2:30 p.m. Monday in the Grantham Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Curtis Ledbetter, pastor of the Gospel Beams Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Duncan Cemetery.

Bearers will be Paul White, Rex Stokes, D. W. Cook, Kenneth Seals, Floyd Ledbetter and Harry Paramore.

Feb. 13, 1964

Death Takes Hunter Dizmang

Hunter Yates Dizmang, 64, of 601 N. 14th, died today in a local hospital following a long illness.

Dizmang had moved to Duncan from Comanche in 1922. He was a retired postal clerk.

In July, 1922, he married Ola Mae Dunn at Comanche. He was preceded in death by a son, Elton, in 1943.

Survivors include his widow, Ola Mae, of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Helen Watts, Duncan Route 2; Mrs. Mary Louise Collins, Marlow; and Mrs. Durelle Heinrich, Mountain Home, Idaho; two brothers, Emory, 704 Chestnut, and Lyman, Ryan; two sisters, Mrs. John Coker, Bakersfield, Calif., and Miss Edith Dizmang, 704 Chestnut; and five grandsons.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Immanuel Baptist Church, with the Rev. J. W. Wade, pastor, assisted by Jim Rich, Gatlin, officiating.

Burial will be in Duncan Cemetery under direction of Brooks Funeral Home.

Bearers will be Alton Murphree, Errol Seiver, Floyd W. Smith, Johnnie Vestal, Bill Michaels, and Ellsworth Choat.

Honorary bearers will be members of the Men's Bible Class of Immanuel Baptist Church, and postal employees.

Feb. 25, 1964

Robert Mabry, 89, Succumbs

Robert A. Mabry, 89, of 903 Stephens, died at 10:40 a.m. today in a local hospital following a brief illness.

Mabry, who had been hospitalized since Sunday, was born July 31, 1874, in Texas, and moved to Duncan in 1932 from Plainview, Tex. He was a retired farmer and a member of the Stephens Methodist Church.

His wife, Julia, preceded him in death in 1956.

Survivors include two sons, H. B., Quanah, Tex.; Rob, Ackery, Tex.; three daughters, Mrs. G. N. Bryant, Hartley, Tex.; Mrs. Clyde Lawson, Lubbock; Mrs. Albert Hlavaty, 1101 S. 14th; a brother, Richard, 113 N. F.; Mrs. Kate Simpson, Wichita Falls, Tex.; 11 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Stephens Methodist Church, with the Rev. M. E. Crocker, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Duncan Cemetery under direction of Grantham Funeral Home.

June 15, 1964

'Preston' Jones, Comanche, Dies

[Special to The Duncan Banner]
COMANCHE — Herman (Preston) Hampton Jones, Comanche Route 2, died Sunday afternoon after an apparent heart attack. He was 63.

Born March 9, 1901, near Duncan, he had lived in Comanche most of his life. He was an oil field pumper, employed by Hill and Elliott Oil Co.

He was a member of the Odd-Fellows, and was an International Bible student.

Survivors include his mother, Mrs. Sally Jones, Comanche Route 2, the widow, Emma, and a son, Jerry, both of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Clayton Barnes and Mrs. Charles Dunlap, both of Comanche; and Mrs. Larry Howell, Oklahoma City.

Also surviving are five other sons, Preston, Comanche, and Phillip, Jean Paul, and Lanny, all of Duncan, and Charles, Lindsay; a sister, Mrs. Sybil Wilson, Purcell; a brother, Don Jones, Duncan, and 22 grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Comanche. The Rev. Gayle Gardner, Pike City, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Maynard Campbell, Duncan.

Burial will be in Comanche Cemetery under direction of Morehead-Elsey Funeral Home.

Bearers will be Bud Shelby, Freddy Cox, Red Turner, W. F. Yarborough, Haskell Thompson, and Preston Littrell.

Honorary bearers will be Dutch Peck, Herman Hendrix, Ed Skeens, Leonard Stipp, A. E. Vinson, Larry W. Stewart, and Jack Rainer.

May 3 1964

Duncan Boy Dies Unexpectedly

Randell Cleo Leonhardt, 11, 314 Ash, died about 10:30 a.m. Sunday in an Oklahoma City hospital after a sudden illness.

Born Nov. 19, 1942, in Duncan, he was a 5th grader at Lee School. He was a member of the East Side Church of Christ.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cleo Leonhardt, of the home, and a brother, Richard Lynn, also of the home.

Other survivors are paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Leonhardt, Lawton; and ma-

ternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. V. K. McMasters, Duncan Route 4.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday in the East Side Church of Christ. Lee Peters, minister, will officiate, assisted by Dale Jennings, pastor of the Banner Assembly of God Church.

Burial will be in Duncan Cemetery under direction of Carter Funeral Home. Bearers will be Delbert Price, Glen Pope, Alton Hutto, and Kenneth Brooks.

June 15, 1964

Death Takes T. B. Darnell

[Special to The Duncan Banner]
COMANCHE — Thomas Bud Darnell, 94, died in Marlow Nursing Home this morning after a short illness.

He was born June 1, 1870, and was a retired laborer. He had lived in Duncan a number of years.

He is survived by a son, Robert Darnell, of 2708 Main, Duncan.

Funeral will be at 10 a. m. Tuesday at the Duncan Church of God. The Rev. W. M. Howard will officiate. Burial will be in Duncan Cemetery under direction of Morehead-Elsey Funeral Home.

August 30, 1964

Louis Brooks Dies in Texas

WAURIKA. — Louis Clark Brooks, 74, died Thursday in a hospital at Azle, Tex. He had been a patient in the Azle Nursing Home for about one year.

He was born March 12, 1890, in Texas and moved to Oklahoma as a child and spent most of his life farming west of Addington.

He married Claudine Love in 1914. She died Sept. 21, 1941.

Funeral will be 2 p.m. today in First Methodist Church, Waurika, with the Rev. A. Blair Grubb officiating. Burial will be in Waurika under direction of Worley Funeral Home.

Survivors are two sons, Horace of Oklahoma City, and Eustace, Turlock, Calif., and three daughters, Mrs. Claude James Minor, Kensington, Md., and Mrs. Ruth Green, Azle, Tex.

Also 18 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Bearers will be Lee and Lawrence Lindesmith, J. H. Lively, Alvin Thompson, Hubert Welch, and Gene Phelps.

Two honorary bearers were A. E. Young and Tom Cotner.

Sept 13 1964

Luther Mason, 73, Succumbs

Luther William Mason, 73, who had lived in Stephens County 53 years, died in a hospital at Lawton Friday at 3 p.m. He had been ill two months.

Mason, a retired farmer, was born March 18, 1891, at Greenville, Tex. He lived on Comanche Route 2.

Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Monday in the Brook's Funeral Home Chapel here. Burial will be in Comanche Cemetery under direction of Brook Funeral Home.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. John Row, 2010 Walnut, and Mrs. L. A. McMasters, Duncan Route 1; two sons, Gail Mason of Lawton and Dean Mason of Stroud; a brother, Claud of Oklahoma City, and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral will be conducted by the Rev. Hugh Adkisson, Bible Baptist Church.

Bearers will be Walter McMasters, Dave Yarbrough, Diner Morgan, Lowell Montgomery, Edgar Peak, and Bill Allen.

Sept 28, 1964

Rites Held For P. Estes

[Special to the Duncan Banner]
RUSH SPRINGS — Funeral was 10:30 a.m. today in Rush Springs for Perry Estes, 71, who died Saturday in a Marlow hospital.

He is survived by the widow, of the home; two sons, Perry Jr., Shreveport, and Thomas, Midland; his mother, Mrs. J. H. Blundell, Oklahoma City, three brothers, three sisters, and four grandchildren.

Funeral was in Southern Baptist Church. Rev. Don Wester, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Rush Springs.

1965 Absher Dies In Comanche

COMANCHE (Staff) — James A. Absher died in a local nursing home about 12:30 a. m. today at the age of 83.

Absher was born in Bonham, Tex., June 15, 1882, and came to Oklahoma in 1888. He was reared in his area and was a retired farmer. Absher married Nettie Mae Carpenter in 1906. He was a member of the local Odd Fellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife of the home, 911 S. 9th in Comanche; three sons Neville, Bakersfield, Calif. and Sherman and Thomas, Santa Rose, Calif.; two daughters, Mrs. Opal Williams and Mrs. Vivian McEntire of Comanche; a brother T. O., Porterville, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 3 p. m. Saturday in the Morehead-Elsey Chapel, J. U. Bristo officiating. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery with Comanche Odd Fellows conducting graveside rites. Members of the local lodge will serve as bearers.

1965 Mrs. Absher Of Comanche Dies at 74

COMANCHE (Staff) — Mrs. Elizabeth L. Absher, 74, a Comanche resident for many years, died in a Wichita Falls hospital Tuesday about 1 p. m.

Mrs. Absher was born Dec. 18, 1891 in Hope, Indian Territory, and moved to Comanche in 1902. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Her husband, Lewis O., died in 1958.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Oleta Houston, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Bodie Michaelson, Salina, Kan.; Mrs. Esther Lamb, Marlow, and Mrs. Juanita Tower, Vermillion, S.D.; five sons, M. L. of Roosevelt; Clyde, Fort Worth; Henry, Miami; Lewis Jr., Salina, Kan.; and Vanal, Conrad, Mont.; two sisters, Mrs. A. Ola Anderson and Mrs. Georgia Cox, Marlow; two brothers, Elmo Moran, Fla. and James E. Moran, Norman; 35 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Service will be in the First Baptist Church of Comanche Friday at 2:30 p. m. The Rev. Timothy Ball, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery under the direction of Morehead-Elsey Funeral Home.

1965 Attack Fatal To Hoy Short

COMANCHE (Staff) — Hoy (Strawberry) Short, 63, died at his home southeast of Comanche today at 7:45 a. m. after an apparent heart attack.

Short was born in Addington June 27, 1902 and had lived in the area all his life. He operated a ranch near Comanche. He is survived by two brothers, Louis, Bakersfield, Calif., and Carl, Dallas.

Funeral will be in the Comanche Church of Christ Friday at 2 p. m. Officiating will be J. U. Bristow, assisted by Byron Fullerton, minister of the church.

Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery under the direction of Morehead-Elsey Funeral Home. Bearers will be Jiggs Burk, Bud Spikes, Kenny Logan, Danny Boone, Johnny Allison, and Johnny Johnson.

Jan. 20, 1965

Mattie Clark, 89, Succumbs

Mattie Martha Clark, 89, of 702 N. 2nd, died at 12 noon Tuesday in a Duncan hospital following a short illness.

Mrs. Clark was born March 15, 1875 in Madison County, Ala. She was a member of the Stephens Methodist Church.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Annetta Blankenship and Mrs. Sadie Marshall, both of Durant; Mrs. Nellie Sims of 901 Fair Park; Mrs. Mellie Hunt of 708 N. 2nd and Mrs. Beulah Dickson of Pauls Valley; three sons, Gaylord and Gilford of Duncan and Earl of Comanche; 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral will be at 2 p. m. Thursday in the Stephens Methodist Church with the Rev. M. E. Crocker, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Owens Prairie Cemetery under the direction of Grantham Funeral Home. Bearers will be grandsons of the deceased.

April 10, 1965
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Andrew Tillman Rites Slated

Andrew Tillman, 66, of 911 Duncan, and a resident of Duncan for 22 years, died at about 1:25 a.m. today in a local nursing home following a long illness.

A retired plumber, he was a member of Stephens Methodist Church. Service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Grantham Funeral Chapel with the Rev. M. E. Crocker, Stephens Methodist pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in the Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Grantham Funeral Home. Bearers will be Lloyd King, E. B. Latham, Pete Marks, Claud Gill, Joe Johnson and Charles Milburn.

Survivors are his wife, Alice, of the home; a son, Don, Shawnee; and four brothers, John, Alameda, Calif.; Ed, Manuel, and Emii, all of Elk City.

August 26, 1965

Long-Time Resident Dies

MARLOW (Special) — Mrs. Margaret Jane Davis, 92, Marlow, died in a Marlow Hospital at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday following a long illness.

Mrs. Davis had been a Marlow area resident over 50 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ of Marlow.

She is survived by a son, W. R. Davis, Asher; a daughter, Mrs. Byrel Forsythe, Lawton; a sister, Mrs. Eldoria Partain, Battle Creek, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Callaway-Smith Chapel with James Ramsey, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Marlow Cemetery under the direction of Callaway-Smith Funeral Home. Bearers will be Ben Flood, Lloyd Mayes, Jim McGehee, Raymond Crawford, Pres Calhoun, and Darrel Young.

City Resident 40 Years Dies

Funeral service for Mrs. Mary Bell Bennett, 69, of 515 N. B, will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bible Baptist Church with the Rev. Hugh Adkisson, minister of the church, officiating.

Burial will be in the Duncan Cemetery under the direction of Brooks Funeral Home. Bearers will be L. B. Pearson, Walter Barnes, Sherman Whetsell, Jimmy Bennett, Harry McGarr, and Robert Smith.

Mrs. Bennett died in her home Wednesday. A member of the Bible Baptist Church, she had been a resident of Duncan for over 40 years.

John L. Green Dies, Rites Are Pending

John L. Green, 51, of 312 Sycamore, died Thursday at his home.

Green had been a resident of Duncan for 14 years. Arrangements are being made by Ragsdale Funeral Home of Ardmore.

Sept. 8, 1965

J. H. Morgan, 85, Succumbs

COMANCHE (Special) — John Henry Morgan, 85, Comanche, died in a local nursing home at 5:50 a.m. today following a long illness. He was born Dec. 13, 1879 at Everett Springs, Ga.

Morgan moved to Terral from Fort Worth in 1891. He moved east of Comanche in 1896 and had operated a farm and ranch there since. Morgan was married Dec. 6, 1903 to Cora Florence Tivis. He was a member of the Comanche Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Cora, of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Vina Wilson, Ajo, Ariz.; seven sons, Ira, Loco, Thurman, Richard, and J. P., all of Comanche Route 3; Roy and Willard, of the home; C. E., of Comanche Route 1; a brother, Taylor Morgan, Oklahoma City; a sister, Mrs. Susie Gordon, Oklahoma City; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Service will be 2:30 p.m. Friday in the First Baptist Church of Comanche with the Rev. Cecil Brown officiating. The Rev. Paul Hampton will assist.

Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery under direction of Morehead-Elsey Funeral Home. Graveside rites will be by Comanche Masons.

Sept. 2, 1965

Mabel Murphy Dies in Texas

WAURIKA (Special) — Mabel Lucille Murphy, 72, died Tuesday in a hospital at Amarillo, Tex. Funeral will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Church of Christ with Johnny Baker, minister of the Ryan Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial will be in the Addington Cemetery under the direction of Worley Funeral Home here.

She is survived by a brother, Walter, Addington; three halfbrothers, Herman and Truman Murphy, both of Loco; and Floyd Rhodes, Odessa, Tex.; and a half-sister, Mrs. Audrey Land, Stratford.

1965 I. W. Hasty, 80, Dies Wednesday

I. W. Hasty, 80, 307 Oak, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at his home after a long illness.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Friday in the Brooks Funeral Home Chapel conducted by Rev. C. L. Cole, pastor of the Victory Baptist Church.

Hasty was born March 27, 1895 in Rochester, Tex. He had been a resident of Duncan for over 30 years and was a retired Halliburton Services employee. He was a member of the Victory Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Johnie of the home; five daughters, Mrs. Bonnie Callaway of Hobbs, N.M., Mrs. Loretta Ledford of Geronimo, and Mrs. Ozella Cox, Mrs. Ann Lavey and Mrs. Sue Green, all of Marlow; three sons, Dalton Hasty of Eulis, Tex., Steve Miller of Sterling and B.H. Miller of Walters; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Other survivors are three brothers, Henry Hasty of Lubbock, Tex., Berry Hasty of Raymondville, Tex., and Ben Hasty of Claremore; and three sisters, Mrs. Ruby Pettietts, Mrs. Willie Pettietts and Mrs. Etta Ramsey, all of Lubbock.

Burial will be in the Duncan Cemetery under direction of the Brooks Funeral Home. Bearers will be Don Gabriel, Jerry Hire, Elward Ledford, Steve Miller, Allen Hull and Lum Davis.